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Mr. J. Lee Rankin
36 West 44th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Thank you for your letter of April 27, 1965,
enclosing a copy of a letter to you from the Chief Justice.

I am glad to have this indication of the Commission's strong desire that the physical evidence relating to the proof of the participation of Lee Harvey Oswald in the assassination of President Kennedy should be retained by the United States Government. Once the Department's proposed legislation is transmitted to the Congress, I believe it would definitely be desirable for an appropriate statement of the Commission's position to be made to the responsible Committees.

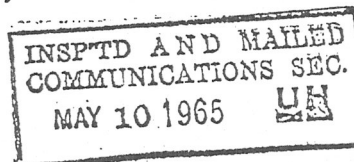
I shall be glad to send you a copy of the proposed legislation as soon as it is finalized within the Department.

Sincerely,

Nicholas B. Katzenbach

Attorney General

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